

going to get at the constitutional questions that question that plague us that have, obviously, been raised as a result of the Kearney question. And I think the removal of this language then gets us away from just kind of...we'll tend to get drug back and forth into the debate of should we move Kearney into the system or should we not. I heard Senator Nelson kind of standing up and starting to lobby for that. As I said, I'm not sure whether that's a good idea or not, but I think that just the removal of that language takes that lightening rod out of there. And as I now have your amendment in front of me, it makes great, good sense to me to do that because it still says we're going to look at changes needed in the alignment of public, postsecondary educational institutions under the current Governor's structure of recommended modifications and so on. I think that gets us the answers to the question that we have to have, if we're going to address the Kearney question. It gets us answers broad enough probably to enable us to go about some other changes, if we decide that there are other appropriate changes in the system of higher education. I think you do not give yourself enough credit for your brilliance, Senator Withem, and we should support this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is not adopted. According to the agenda, as outlined by your Speaker earlier this morning, we're going to jump to Select File and handle these. So, if you'll pay attention as you go along, please, and we'll take care of these at this time. We're going to jump LB 706 and go to LB 47.

CLERK: Senator, I have E & R amendments to LB 47.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, E & R amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. I would move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 47.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.